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RUPTURE WITH RUSSIA?

BRITAIN'S DEMANDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 17.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer, refused definitely to promise there would be no rupture with Russia until the House had been further convened, but he indicated that the Government was adopting a conciliatory attitude.

He hoped the British demands would be met fairly and reasonably and that a rupture would be averted.

WHAT DID THEY SAY?

LONDON, May 17.

Mr. Krassin, the Soviet trade envoy, had a long conference with Lord Curzon at the Foreign Office.

[Mr. Krassin was present in the distinguished strangers' gallery of the House Commons during the debate arising out of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's motion for a reduction of the Foreign Office vote. During the debate, Mr. Ronald McNeill stated that Lord Curzon was willing to meet Mr. Krassin if the latter desired.]

USUAL SECRECY.

LONDON, May 17.

Reuter understands that no statement will be made at present concerning the Krassin-Curzon negotiations.

It is not expected that further meetings will be held before Whitsun and it is deduced that time limit of the British note which is expiring on May 18 will not be enforced.

The Soviet envoys are not preparing for immediate departure from London.

HOME GOLF.

FIRST ROUND SURPRISE.

KIRKWOOD DEFEATED.

LONDON, May 17.

The Leeds golf tourney was held in fine weather but the wind was troublesome.

A surprise first round was the defeat of Kirkwood by Kinch (Woodcote Park) 3-2; Duncan beat Vardon 2-1; Ockenden beat Braid 3-2; Hagen beat Barber at the 21st. hole and Sarazen beat Seymour 5-3.

The complete second round results are as follows:-

H. Jolly beat Abe Mitchell at the 29th hole; Falkner beat May 4-3; Duncan beat Williamson by one hole; Mackenzie beat Leach 5-4; Hagen beat Bingham 6-4; Hayers beat Kinch 5-4; Samson beat Gadd 2-1; and Ockenden beat Wingate by one hole.

[The Australian Kirkwood, the previous day went round in 67, beating the record for the course - 68 - established the day before by the Crohamhurst and professional, Reginald Wilson.]

HABEAS CORPUS' ACTION.

HOME SECRETARY'S POSITION.

LONDON, May 17.

In the House of Commons, the indemnity bill to meet the situation arising out of the O'Brien case was read a first time. It merely prohibits the institution of civil or criminal legal proceedings against the Home Secretary and others concerned in the Irish deportations.

The House of Lords decided that it could not interfere with the Appeal Court's decision granting the writ of Habeas Corpus applied for by Art O'Brien, leader of the Irish Self-Determination League, who was arrested in the big March round-up and deported. The Court based its decision on the ground that the Home Secretary was not empowered to order the internment of a person in the Irish Free State. The indemnity bill the Government is introducing is designed to protect the Home Secretary who would otherwise be liable to severe penalties.

WELCOMED AT EUSTON.

LONDON, May 17.

The Irish deportees were welcomed by friends on arrival at Euston where they dispersed to their homes.

Six London and four Liverpool deportees are still detained or have been arrested.

EARL CAVAN'S TOUR.

POLAND'S WELCOME.

WARSAW, May 17.

Earl Cavan was ceremoniously received at Cracow, where he attended a review of troops. He then proceeded to Warsaw.

The papers publish long eulogistic articles acclaiming the distinguished representative of the British army and declaring the visit will demonstrate Poland's pacific tendencies and consolidate Anglo-Polish relations.

[Chief of the British Imperial General Staff; Earl Cavan, accompanied the King and Queen to Italy. He now spends four days with the Polish army, returning the visit of General Zegorsky to London in October.]

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VANCOUVER, May 17.

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THE ONLY WAY.

Studying this dispute which even now threatens to bring the two nations into open conflict, the detached observer must agree with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that matters would never have reached their present sorry pass had Britain recognised the Soviets long ago. Grant that the worst charges Britain has brought against Russia are true, one still finds it hard to believe that they could not have been settled diplomatically as they arose. Obviously one trouble can be smoothed easily where six can only be removed after much needless rancour. Moreover, far more critical "incidents" than any Britain alleges against Russia have been settled now through the usual channels. Take the Fashoda incident for one, which nearly precipitated war with France. Feeling ran very high, but amicable settlement was soon reached. Simply because both sides wanted peace. Or if it is objected that the parallel fails because the French are civilised and the Russians now are not, take the Dogger Bank episode before the war when Russian warships opened fire on some Grimsby trawlers, mistaking them, in the mist, for enemy craft. That trouble was also arranged quite amicably, again because both sides were anxious to avoid any discord. With the present dispute, however, it seems that neither party is too eager to adjust the issues, not because anything will be gained from prolonging the breach—indeed a great deal will be lost—but simply because both are too deeply concerned with their own precious amour propre. Here it must be made clear that this refers only to the leaders. Have we not Mr. Ronald McNeill's own assurance that Britain still feels warmly towards the Russian people? That we have not yet forgotten their heroic services which saved us to holes having been knocked

into various parts of the building. Operations by the more progressive owners to construct up-to-date buildings in the centre of one of the busiest thoroughfares are praiseworthy but there is one aspect which cannot be too strongly impressed on the contractors. Adequate screens must be provided to protect pedestrians from the debris and dust cast off. At one of the blocks one morning four apprentices were seen holding two bamboo poles less than a yard in length and trying to prevent traffic getting near the place, inside which tumbling bricks and flying particles could be seen falling haphazard. The verandahs were being demolished and bricks were dropping into the middle of the road. In spite of the apprentices' efforts risks and pedestrians had to go near on account of the congestion of traffic on the opposite side and it is a wonder that nobody was injured. Still, a number of people received showers of dust on their clothes while not a few had bites in their eyes. This nuisance renders it very uncomfortable for people who have to pass along the road and it is all the more annoying because it can easily be avoided. A stipulation that effective screens to prevent material falling into the road be put up would not cost much and would preclude accidents through traffic and pedestrians having to crowd the other side of the road.

Losing Friends.

A long time may be passed without finding a friend in whose understanding and virtue we can equally confide, and whose opinion we can value at once for its justice and sincerity. These words of Dr. Johnson, penned nearly two hundred years ago, might well have been written as a warning to the China of to-day. When the Washington Conference was held, it was evident that the Powers represented were determined to give China every chance of fitting herself to join the comity of nations on an equal footing. China for years had been the footstool, but the Powers now gave solemn assurances they were prepared to change their policy toward her. In many cases words have been translated into deeds. The manner in which China has reacted to this sincere profession of amity is too well-known to need repetition here. But what, if it must be asked, will be the upshot? In the final analysis, some solution must be found whereby the law-abiding citizens of the Chinese Republic and foreigners sojourning in the land will be assured of that safety they must have. It is useless for the paid propagandists of Peking or Canton to rant, and rave about the bandits being responsible for all China's ills. Under any well-organized government not lawlessness is the exception rather than the rule. Things have reached such a stage now that even the Washington Government, which has been upbraided by American writers for its weakness when dealing with the Chinese Government in regard to outrages against American subjects, apparently at last is awakening to the fact that matters have been allowed to go too far. What the outcome of the latest outrage will be it is difficult to foretell, but it is quite plain, from comment in the Chinese and foreign press, that the Chinese Republic is fast losing the friends it took it so many years to make.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Fire and Marine Insurance offices will be closed for the transaction of public business on Whit Monday, the 21st.

One Chinese case of plague, five Chinese cases of smallpox and one Japanese case of enteric fever were reported yesterday.

Some of the local Indian firms are closed to-day to celebrate the beginning of the *Shawal* (Hari-Raya) which marks the end of the *Ramadan*, the month of fasting in the Mahomedan calendar.

Wong Wo-shun, the former "People's Army" general when Lung Chai-kwong was Tuchen of Kwangtung, has been released by the Hongkong police after being detained as the result of a raid on his house.

The General Chamber of Commerce at Canton has written to the Canton authorities requesting the better handling of the service of drafting coolies for transportation. The Chamber thinks that shopkeepers, or fokis, ought to be exempted from forced service.

Wen Liang-ji, managing director of the Canton-Hankow Railroad Kwangtung Section, appointed by Shen Hung-ying, has fled to Hongkong since the beginning of the present conflict in which Shen failed, says the *Canton Daily News*. The present managing director, Chen Hing-hon, is accusing Wen of having absconded with more than \$600,000 of the funds of the road, and will petition the Generalissimo to issue an order for his arrest.

Tempting Providence.

Along Queen's Bond Central, between the Central Market and the old Fire Station, demolishing work is being carried out in four different places. A block of three shops on the south side has almost been completely pulled down. Two other sites on the opposite side are cleared up, and workmen are gradually removing the old walls. The old fire station is also being attended by the Generalissimo to issue an order for his arrest.

REISS BROS.' ASSETS.

CRYPTIC LONDON CABLE EXPLAINED

Hoping the Registrar of the Supreme Court might be able to throw some light on the somewhat cryptic Reiter dispatch regarding the winding up of the affairs of Messrs. Reiss Bros., a *China Mail* reporter called upon Mr. H. A. Nisbet this morning.

While refusing to be quoted as an authority without having previously consulted the Law Officers of the Crown, Mr. Nisbet stated that he presumed the ordinary procedure would be followed by which the total assets of Messrs. Reiss Bros. would be pooled and divided *pro rata* among the creditors. As far as Hongkong is concerned, Mr. Nisbet drew attention to the following clause in the order for winding up made by the Chief Justice yesterday: "And no proceedings, other than the aforesaid, shall be taken under this order, without the leave of this Court."

With regard to the branches in Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow and other places in China, the winding-up proceedings, in the final analysis, will be carried out by the Registrar of H. B. M. Supreme Court in China at Shanghai. The Order made yesterday, by the Chief Justice regarding the Hongkong branch is ancillary to the Order made in England. It is, therefore, only fair to presume that the Orders made in China will also be ancillary.

The *China Mail* representative gathered that the sender of the Reiter message was suffering under the delusion that neither Hongkong nor the Treaty Ports in China are considered as "being on the map."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The twenty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd. is advertised to take place at 12 noon on May 31 at Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.'s offices.

Out of four cases of larceny from the person reported to the Central Police Station yesterday, the police succeeded in arresting three of the alleged culprits. The sums stolen ranged from \$1 to \$55, and the prisoners will appear before the Magistrate in the course of to-day's hearing.

A shopkeeper of No. 11, Upper Station Street, has reported to the police that while walking along a path leading to Conduit Road at 9 a.m. yesterday, he was stopped by a number of men. Two of them caught hold of his wrists while another took \$1.50 from his pocket. After this they stripped him of his long coat valued at \$20 and escaped.

Six matchless, the homes of a number of stone-cutters, at Shaukiwan were gutted last night through a fire breaking out in one of them and thereby causing the rest to be ignited. When the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene it was found that little could be done beyond confining the fire to the burning structures. The inmates managed to get away safely but it is believed that some of their property was lost. They suffered damage to property to the extent of \$600. It is believed that the fire was caused by a stick of dynamite exploding in one of the sheds.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The new Japanese Consul-General, Mr. E. Amou, has arrived at Canton to relieve Mr. E. Fugita.

Mr. Casanova, Consul-General for Portugal, has received a telegram from the Governor of Macao stating that owing to his sudden indisposition General Sir Gomes da Costa, K.C.M.G., has postponed his departure for Shanghai, which was to have been on the 16th instant.

Capt. R. Murray Rumsey, R.N., L.S.O., one time Harbour Master of Hongkong, who died recently at Blasland, Cornwall, left estate of the gross value of £2,995. Capt. Murray Rumsey had been receiving a pension of \$2,000 a year from the Hongkong Government since 1904.

Passengers who left on the "Empress of Asia" yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. H. Birkett, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Compton, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Eng. Capt. Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, Mr. J. H. van Gouwe, Mr. Luhns, Mr. J. M. Macdonald, Miss Harriett Noyes, Miss Electa Butler, Madame L. Negre, Mr. G. N. Orme, Mr. David Ross, Davies, Mrs. G. G. N. Tinson and Mr. J. A. Plummer.

Miss Mathilde McCormick was married secretly on April 5 at a London registry office to Max Oster. The newly-married pair are spending their honeymoon in Scotland. Miss McCormick is the daughter of the President of the International Harvester Company and is a niece of Mr. John D. Rockefeller Jr. Mr. Max Oster is a riding master in Switzerland. The marriage, which was announced some months ago, was to be bitterly opposed by the McCormick family.

CENOTAPH UNVEILING.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY.

WHERE TO GET TICKETS.

Arrangements for the unveiling of the Cenotaph on Empire Day, May 24, at 5.30 p.m. are being made satisfactorily and an advertisement published to-day states where admission tickets may be obtained.

The Cenotaph is intended to be a memorial not alone to the Hongkong men who fought and died in the Great War but to the whole Empire's Day. Part of Thursday's ceremony will consist of the laying of wreaths by H.E. The Governor, the British Legion and the E.A.S.M.A. An opportunity will also be given to members of the general public to pay tributes of respect.

A combined guard of honour will be furnished by the Royal Navy and the 2nd King's Regiment.

There will also be on parade detachments from all Naval and Military and other units, the Police, Volunteers, British Legion and E.A.S.M.A. An opportunity will be given to each to supply a unit of one officer and 32 men.

The Band of both the 2nd King's Regiment and Bombay Grenadiers will be present.

For the convenience of the public, stands are being erected round the site capable of seating 1,400 people. Admission will be by ticket, and though there will not be numbered seats, the Committee will only issue tickets for each stand to the number of people who can be comfortably seated. It is requested that everyone will be in their places by 5.10 p.m., at which time the troops will march on to the ground, headed by the band of the Bombay Grenadiers, to take up their allotted stations.

Subscribers to the War Memorial should apply for tickets for themselves and families either to:

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Tickets will also be distributed through the Naval and Military Authorities, Ex-Active Service Men's Association, British Legion, Harbour Office (for Mercantile Marine Officers and Engineers) and Central Police Station. Members of the Community not coming under any of these headings may obtain tickets on application in the entrance to the City Hall on Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday, between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon. In order to avoid disappointment, tickets should be applied for as early as possible. Applicants should ask for one ticket for each member of their family. There will be no charge for admission to the stands.

CEREMONY DETAILS.

Command Orders to-day give the following details of the procedure to be followed at the Ceremony:

THE CEREMONY.—His Excellency, the Governor, will arrive on the ground at 5.30 p.m. and will be received with a Royal Salute, the National Anthem being played. His Excellency, The Governor, will inspect the Guard of Honour, and will then walk down the front rank of other formations on parade. The Chairman of the Memorial Committee will ask His Excellency, The Governor, to unveil the Memorial. His Excellency, The Governor, will unveil the Memorial; as the Memorial is unveiled, the Guard of Honour will present arms, and the National Anthem will be played.

BEING ATTACKED.—The Governor, will make a speech, and place a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph. At the conclusion of the speech, the Buglers of the King's Régiment will sound Last Post, followed by the Rouse.

On the conclusion of the above, the Guard of Honour will march via Statue Square to the Hongkong, via the Royal Dockyard and subsequently at the Cenotaph. The Guards of Honour with band and with the four men mentioned in para. 2(b) above will parade in full strength; the Officers commanding detachments or a senior representative will also attend.

4. DUTIES OF THE GROUND.

(a) The following will assist in keeping the ground and will report to the D.A.A. and Q.M.G. at the Cenotaph at 5 p.m., on the 24th May. 1 Officer and 25 men, Royal Navy, 1 Officer and 25 men, 2nd Bn. The King's Regiment, Detachments of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

(b) The following will report to the D.A.A. and Q.M.G. at 4.45 p.m., at the Cenotaph, for duty on the stands. Royal Navy 20 selected men.

(c) The Civil Police are assisting on the roads round the Cenotaph.

ADDITIONAL NOTES.—(a) The Detachments will leave the Dockyard in the following order:

Pipers, Grenadiers, 2/2nd Bombay Grenadiers, Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, Royal Marines, Royal Navy, Dockyard Police, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, Mercantile Marine, British Legion, E.A.S.M.A., Hongkong Police.

On arrival on the ground, the pipers will take up a position on the North side of the Cenotaph; the first five detachments will wheel to the left and take up their position on the South East side of the Cenotaph; remaining detachments will move across by the North side of the Cenotaph and wheel to the left and take up their position to the South West side of the Cenotaph. All detachments will form up four deep.

(b) Detachments will stand at ease when His Excellency is making his speech and will stand to attention during the remainder of the Ceremony. Officers Commanding will salute when the Guard of Honour presents arms. Instructions regarding these points will be given at the practice parade.

(c) At the unveiling of the Hongkong Shanghai Bank Memorial the Guard of Honour will receive His Excellency. The Governor, with a Royal Salute and will present arms when the Memorial is unveiled.

(d) The following will be attached to the Guard of Honour for duty at the Cenotaph:

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

## HONGKONG RADIO CLUB.

## GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

## COLONIAL SECRETARY EXPLAINS.

At Volunteer Headquarters last evening a meeting of the Hongkong Radio Club learned from the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., the attitude of the Government towards broadcasting in the Colony. Mr. J. H. Donnithorne was in the chair, supported on the platform by the Hon. Mr. Fletcher and Mr. J. Tollan (Hon. Secretary).

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called to obtain the views of members on the subject of radio and broadcasting and to learn from Mr. Fletcher a statement of Government's policy. The speaker went on to express satisfaction that the Club had secured the Volunteer Headquarters as a temporary meeting place for which thanks were due to Lieutenant-Colonel L. G. Bird. Mr. Donnithorne also paid tribute to the *Hongkong Telegraph* for giving birth to the Club and for its interest in radio and wireless.

In conclusion the Chairman remarked that the Society had sent a letter to the Government on May 1, enclosing the resolution asking them to expedite the granting of a provisional Licence for radio broadcasting to any company applying. A reply had been received stating that the subject had been referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and until the Government heard from him, no licences could be granted.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Fletcher then addressed the meeting. At the outset the speaker explained that he had come rather to receive information than to impart it. He hoped to gain some useful information for the Government. At the present time the Government had in its service no officer who had specialised on the subject, and in their deliberations they had relied entirely upon outside information and assistance. He remarked at this point that he was indebted to Mr. Melville Smith, for the little smattering of knowledge he himself possessed on the subject. Last November the Government had appointed a small Committee consisting of Mr. Melville Smith, Lieutenant, Navy of the Navy, and Commander C. W. Beechworth, R.N., Chairman to go into the subject of wireless telegraphy and radio telephony in the Colony. In their report the Committee were strongly of the opinion that the Colony should have a Government wireless expert. Mr. Fletcher added that as a result of that expression of opinion the Government had sent to the Secretary for the Colonies and asked that a man be sent out from Home trained as an electrical engineer, and one who had specialised in wireless. The Committee went on to make recommendations with reference to the station at Cape D'Aguilar: compulsory wireless on passenger ships, and licences for wireless telegraphy or radio telephony. The Committee stated that radio telephony was in a very elementary stage in this Colony, and in their opinion there was little likelihood of its developing from a commercial point of view as far as long range work was concerned. They thought the Government should encourage wireless telegraphy and radio telephony experiments, and should issue licences for receiving and transmission. They further recommended that a station should be set up for transmitting, and the Observatory would do its own broadcasting, warning of approaching storms, typhoons, etc., and broadcasting weather reports, and time signals. The Committee also suggested the formation of a Radio Branch of the Defence Corps. The Government had approved this, and had sent Home for apparatus.

## PROVISIONAL LICENCES.

With regard to the Society's letter of the 1st May, asking the Government to grant provisional broadcasting licences, on the face of it the matter appeared simple enough, but the Government, after enquiring very carefully into the matter had found the subject literally bristling with difficulties. They had been given to understand that a certain amount of confusion did exist in the United States and in the United Kingdom owing to the hasty and premature arrangements for broadcasting that had been made in the early stages. They were only too anxious to avoid making mistakes. They had asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies for details of the way in which the Government controlled radio broadcasting in England, and for a copy of the regulations in force. He was given to understand that in a place such as Hongkong they could only have, properly speaking, one broadcasting company. Actually five applications had been received, in addition to several enquiries on the subject.

One of these applications came from a newspaper, three were from business firms, and one was from a Chinese firm. It was very difficult to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion as to which firm, or even whether any firm, should be granted the licence. Take the Chinese firm. They might specialise in Chinese music; the Hotel might broadcast music from a hotel roof garden; and the newspaper might broadcast Reuter's telegrams. These questions had to be considered and the Government was anxious to arrange for the best system and the best type of broadcasting possible. It was here that the Society could be of assistance to the Government. For instance, they might be able to persuade these enterprises to combine, and bring out a joint programme which would provide the greatest pleasure for the greatest number. He thought, though, that the editing of a broadcasting programme would be a most invidious and unpleasant task, and he only hoped it would not fall on his own shoulders, or those of any Government servant.

## SELECTION OF PROGRAMMES.

They always had to consider that the licence might be granted to a Company which would provide the poor programme. There was then the point of commissions to consider, and the question of the "sets" themselves, whether they should be of British manufacture or otherwise. Only one make of set would have to be allowed in the Colony, the reason being that the Company which contracted to broadcast would probably only do so on condition it was given the monopoly of selling receiving sets. They had also to consider whether a man should be debarred from using a machine he had made himself. Many of those present in all probability had not the slightest desire to listen in to programmes of music, but rather wished to amuse themselves by practising and experimenting. How far was this type of enthusiast to be permitted? In all these matters the Government hoped to profit by the experience gained hitherto in England. Were they to accept the Society's proposal to grant a provisional broadcasting licence to any firm that applied there would be at least five companies starting at once. The thing was really impracticable. The Government were not possessed of any sort of instruction, but they did think it best to hasten slowly in this matter, rather than act prematurely.

There was no objection to selling wireless receiving sets in the Colony, but the Government reserved the right to withhold a licence, or to order its withdrawal. Purchasers of sets should be warned that the permission of the Government ought to be obtained first. They did wish to ensure that the Colony should not be flooded with inferior apparatus which might eventually militate against the success of broadcasting in Hongkong. They warned the people therefore, that the right to listen in might be withdrawn at any time and special conditions or taxes might be imposed.

## MILITARY POINT OF VIEW.

Colonel Davy, acting G.O.C., in order as he said, to open discussion, addressed the gathering on the aspects of radio and broadcasting as seen from the Military point of view. They would readily understand that in a country like this, and especially in the New Territories, where communications were difficult, there were considerable possibilities for radio in the way of providing military information in the event of trouble. For this reason alone the Military Authorities were taking a very close interest in the subject, and in the attitude of the Government. They thought, however, that whatever was eventually done as to the granting of licences to broadcasting companies, the giving of licences to individual listeners-in, and for reception purposes, should be very strictly controlled. The Government would have to control broadcasting arrangements to prevent confusion, and to enable the Military Authorities to have at their disposal a system of real value for defensive purposes. The same argument applied to the arrangements for reception.

## MANY QUESTIONS ASKED.

The Chairman then asked whether any members would like to ask Mr. Fletcher any questions.

One gentleman speaking with regard to the sale of receiving sets, suggested that it would be better if the Government did not grant a monopoly to any firm.

Many amateurs preferred to make their own sets. He added that the B.B.C. Company in England sold sets at £5 each, and out of this was a ten shilling tax, whilst other people had to pay a tax of 1/6 for an experimental set. It was very difficult to find out those people who really possessed sets, and it was generally realised that in England two-thirds of the people who listened-in did not pay taxes. That was not a desirable state of affairs for Hongkong, and it was his opinion that there should be one-bedroom tax to be imposed on all listeners-in, whether for experimental sets or otherwise. They should also try, and prevent the erection of indoor aerials.

Another gentleman asked whether the Government intended

to wait for a reply from Home

before issuing any rules or regulations.

Mr. Fletcher replied that that was the intention. When the new expert arrived from Home he would be able to assist them in drawing up these rules and regulations.

The Government was simply safeguarding itself in the meanwhile by allowing receiving sets and reserving the right to impose any conditions they thought desirable.

Mr. A. C. Hicks then asked whether, subject to applications being made for licences, if the persons making the applications were willing to abide by the conditions, would they then be allowed to install receiving sets.

Mr. Fletcher replied in the affirmative. He pointed out that some of these receiving sets were undoubtedly liable to set up oscillation and interfere with other people. It might be possible for the Society later on to arrange for the erection of a directional receiving set which would pick these people up.

Mr. Hicks then pointed out that there might be some difficulty in the granting of provisional licences for broadcasting because of the number of interests applying. It had occurred to him that the Government would eventually have to give a decision with regard to granting a permanent licence for sets themselves, whether they should be of British manufacture or otherwise. Only one make of set would have to be allowed in the Colony, the reason being that the Company which contracted to broadcast would probably only do so on condition it was given the monopoly of selling receiving sets. They had also to consider whether a man should be debarred from using a machine he had made himself. Many of those present in all probability had not the slightest desire to listen in to programmes of music, but rather wished to amuse themselves by practising and experimenting. How far was this type of enthusiast to be permitted? In all these matters the Government hoped to profit by the experience gained hitherto in England. Were they to accept the Society's proposal to grant a provisional broadcasting licence to any firm that applied there would be at least five companies starting at once. The thing was really impracticable. The Government were not possessed of any sort of instruction, but they did think it best to hasten slowly in this matter, rather than act prematurely.

Mr. Fletcher replied that the objection was not so much one of interference as of the method by which these provisional licences were to be granted. These people who applied for the licences would require some return for their investment, and as far as he could see it would have to take the form of a tax. In England he understood the tax was issued in respect of certain receiving sets only, and a very useful suggestion had been made for obviating the natural confusion that would arise in Hongkong. He referred to the suggestion of a bedrock tax on all sets.

Mr. Hicks said he understood that one company had offered to set up broadcasting apparatus with no sort or condition of return at all.

Mr. Fletcher said the Government had had no such application before it.

Mr. Orchard, of the Hongkong Hotel Electrical Company, said it would take longer to get sets out from England than it would from the United States. It would only be a matter of three weeks from America, as against two months from England.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Fletcher concluded the business.

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Hongkong, May 18, 1923.

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"KHIMIR"	6,017	8th Aug.	MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	6,841	23rd Aug.	Bay, Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	10,512	5th Sept.	MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp.
"DONGOLA"	6,765	19th Sept.	Bay, Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	3rd Oct.	Bay, Marseilles, London & Antwerp.

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"JANUS"	4,824	13th June	Calcutta, via Singapore & Penang
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## ENTERTAINMENT.

May 18.—Coronet Theatre; Constance Talmadge in "Lessons in Love."

May 18.—World Theatre; Wanda Hawley in "Too Much Wife."

May 18.—Star Theatre; Alice Joyce in "The Sporting Duchess."

May 18.—Theatre Royal; Robert Courtenage and W. E. Holloway's London Co., present "The Man from Toronto" at 9.15 p.m.

May 19.—Theatre Royal; Robert Courtenage and W. E. Holloway's London Co., present their closing performance "The Bat" at 9.15 p.m.

May 22.—City Hall, Farewell Recital by Alexander Skarovsky, world-famous pianist, 5.30 p.m.

## SPORTING EVENT.

June 2.—Third Gymkhana of the Hongkong Jockey Club, Race Course.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

May 19.—Lammett Bros.; Wines and spirits. Sales Rooms, noon.

May 25.—Lammett Bros., a valuable collection of postage stamps at their Duddell Street Sales Rooms, 5.15 p.m.

## COMPANY MEETINGS.

May 23.—Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., annual ordinary general meeting at the Hongkong Hotel at 11.00 a.m.

May 25.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 11.30 a.m.

May 25.—Union Insurance Co., Ltd., annual general shareholders' meeting, Union Building, noon.

May 25.—Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., extraordinary meeting at the Company's Office, 57-60, Des Vaux Road Central, at noon.

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The fares prescribed for public vehicles are as follows:-

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Ten minutes, 15 cents  
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Half hour, 60 cents  
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By arrangement with the proprietors through the Police.

13.—In the Peak.

With 2 Barrows, With 4 Barrows.

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GIANT WITH CHILD'S  
STRENGTH.

STRANGE INQUEST STORY.

An extraordinary case of a man of gigantic physical proportions, whose strength was comparable with that of a child, was revealed at the Hammersmith inquest on an ex-Guardsman named Thomas Henderson, of Arnadeale-road, Fulham, who had lately been earning his living as a street trader.

In opening the inquest Mr. H. R. Oswald remarked on the physical peculiarities of the dead man, whose height was 6ft. 3½ ins. and weight 23st.

ACROMEGALY.

William Henderson told the coroner his brother weighed 15st. when he joined the Irish Guards. He gradually grew bigger and weighed 8st. heavier at the time of his discharge. He had complained of headaches and had been treated at St. George's Hospital, where his peculiar disease—acromegaly had excited the interest of medical men. His brother had been unable to do hard work and could find no company to insure his life.

Henderson's landlord, George Atkinson, said he found Henderson lying dead in his room. Nothing unusual had occurred to give suspicion of the coming end.

Evidence of the dead man's

physical proportions was given by Dr. Patrick Thompson, who conducted a post-mortem.

120Z, LIVER.

Henderson's brain weighed 64oz. against the normal 50oz. There was a tumour on the base of the skull. The lower jaw was greatly enlarged, and the vocal cords were very long. Henderson's heart weighed 29oz. instead of 10oz. and his liver 128oz. against the normal 52oz. He had very large hands and feet and measured 53in. round the chest.

Death was due to heart failure accelerated by pneumonia and tumour on the brain. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

BODY STOLEN.

MORTUARY BURGLARS'  
SURPRISE.

London detectives are investigating the theft of a corpse.

That it was an unwitting theft is clear, but the perpetrators committed burglary to do it, and it was only when they were escaping that they discovered what they had stolen and, horror-stricken, abandoned it in the street.

The body was that of a Belgian woman, Mrs. Mary Lafont, aged 51, who died at St. Andrews Chambers, Wells-street, W., on March 24. Her friends, wishing to have her buried in her native land, arranged to have the body embalmed by Messrs. Tarbuck, undertakers, of Cleveland-street, Euston-road. The illness of her daughter was responsible for the delay in sending the coffin to Belgium.

After nightfall burglars, believed to be in search of lead, always a marketable commodity, broke into Messrs. Tarbuck's private mortuary at the rear of their business premises, in which lead coffin shells were known to be stored.

The men—it is thought that there were four of them—groped their way into the mortuary, seized upon the heaviest shell they could find, and hastened with it into Warren-street, whence they had entered the place. There they commanded a costermonger's barrow, placed the "shell" upon it, and, covering it with straw to disguise its appearance, wheeled it out into Warren-street.

They had only gone about fifty yards, when, apparently puzzled by the weight of the burden, they stopped under a street lamp to examine it. Then, to their horror they discovered that it was a sealed shell indicating only one thing—that there was a body inside.

They at once abandoned the barrow and, according to some statements, were seen running away at top speed. Children who were playing in the street hurried to the district barrow, and finding what they thought to be a coffin, told the police and the mortuary, who at once returned to the mortuary.

## INTERPORT CRICKET.

HONGKONG'S GOOD SCORE.  
"CINDERS STILL WARM."

When stumps were drawn at six o'clock yesterday Hongkong was in a remarkably good position. In spite of Shanghai making a big first innings, our batsmen were not disconcerted and played an uphill game successfully. For this position Hongkong is indebted mainly to Sayer, who scored 57, and Wild and Dods who made a splendid seventh wicket stand when some of the more experienced bats had been found wanting. Wild ultimately made 83 and Dods, a last-minute selection was responsible for 43.

The details as cabled by *Reuter* and as received by the Cricket Club are slightly contradictory but the position when play commenced this morning was that Shanghai had scored 351 in the first innings. Hongkong replied with 332 and in their second venture Shanghai had five wickets down for 133 (although one report says six.) Of the Shanghai batsmen who were dismissed, Ollerdessen was out for 1, Claxton for 12, Capt. Barrett for 2 and Muriel for 1. Hayward, Quayle and Leach only contributed six runs between them in their first venture but yesterday Hayward scored 51 and when stumps were drawn Quayle and Leach were undefeated with 52 and 11 to their credit, respectively. Our trundlers, after their rest have done very well, but from the results it seems as though their sting was taken out towards the end of the day.

If our bowlers, with the advantage of resting overnight can get Shanghai out without any further large contributions, there is every probability of a close fight and a possibility of snatching a victory. None of the messages state how the wicket is wearing and this will prove an important factor in the fourth innings. Still as Mr. Greenhill, the hon. secretary of the Cricket Club says, "the cinders are still warm" and later news will be eagerly looked forward to.

### THE PLAY.

Continuing Hongkong's overnight score of 72 for 2, Sayer and Quick both added considerably to their scores. Quick was bowled with 21 to his credit and Sayer was caught by Claxton with 57. Owen Hughes made 30 before succumbing to Isaacs and then Wood was run out for a duck. Wild and Dods then made a stand and were still battling when the lunch interval was called. Hongkong's score having been taken to 214 for 6. After lunch, they both kept up their wickets, Wild doing most of the scoring. Omar with 14 not out and Davies, the wicket-keeper, (16) also helped to take the score along until at 4 p.m. the last man was out with the total at 332, 19 short of Shanghai's figures. Even if Hongkong were to lose, the team will have the satisfaction of having put up one of the highest, if not the highest, innings by a visiting interport eleven. They scored more than the "Hongkong team's" two innings at home last November although conditions may be entirely different now.

Shanghai opened their second innings and at the close of play five of their best batsmen were out. Quayle and Leach may retrieve the situation but none of the others were chosen for their batting abilities.

### SCORES.

Shanghai, 1st Innings ..... 361  
(Ollerdessen 96, Muriel 89, Capt. Barrett 60, Peck 42; Owen Hughes, 4 for 92.)

HONGKONG—1st Innings.

T. E. Pearce, b Quayle ..... 21

A. A. Rumjahn, b Isaacs ..... 21

G. R. Sayer, c Claxton, b Quayle ..... 57

Rev. E. K. Quick, b Quayle ..... 21

H. Owen Hughes, b Isaacs ..... 0

A. E. Wood, run out ..... 0

R. H. Wild ..... 14

Capt. E. I. M. Dods ..... 49

U. M. Omar, not out ..... 16

L. J. Davies ..... 16

F. N. Young ..... 10

Extras ..... 362

Total ..... 332

Quayle ..... 6

Allison ..... 0

Peck ..... 0

Leach ..... 0

Isaacs ..... 2

Hinchell ..... 0

Barrett ..... 15

SHANGHAI—2nd Innings.

H. B. Ollerdessen ..... 1

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## ADOPTED GIRL

## FATHER'S TRAGIC END.

## FAMOUS NOVELIST'S LETTERS.

The West London Coroner investigated at Hammersmith the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Alfred Sandells Baines, an engineer, who was found dead with his head in a gas oven at his flat in Claricarde Gardens, Bayswater.

Mr. and Mrs. Baines's seventeen-year-old daughter, Sheila Rosemary, has been staying on the Riviera with Mr. W. J. Locke, the novelist, and his wife.

On the night before the tragedy Mr. and Mrs. Baines had visited the theatre to celebrate the twenty-fourth anniversary of their wedding.

Mrs. Alice Ann Baines, the widow, who was dressed in deep mourning, said her husband was an engineer's agent. His health was normal except for attacks of insomnia from which he had suffered for the past two years.

The Coroner—Do you know the cause of that?

Witness—It was on account of the loss of our daughter.

Asked if her husband was a heavy smoker, she said he had been a very heavy cigarette smoker, but it affected his heart, so the doctor had stopped him smoking.

The Coroner—You don't mean your daughter was taken away forcibly?—She was taken away for a short holiday to be returned. That was in April, 1921," added witness, "and she went to Cannes."

With whom did she go?—She went with Mr. and Mrs. William J. Locke, the well-known novelist.

After three weeks what occurred?

They made some excuse for keeping her a little longer. We allowed her to, and in the end Mr. Locke wrote saying she was unable to come home and they proposed to keep her there.

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On the same day Sheila wrote to her parents as follows:—

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"But we were always wanting her back," said Mrs. Baines, "and it was only because of Mr. Locke's fears that we allowed her to remain always a little longer. Between 1912 and 1914 the Lockes were sending Sheila to a good local school, and in 1914 they took Sheila to Egypt and Venice. She fell ill with fever at Venice, and Mr. Locke told Mr. Baines that it cost £100 a week to have the care of that

FIRST NIGHT SCENE.  
ACTOR'S COMPLAINT BEFORE CURTAIN.

Up roar filled the Empire Theatre, Leicester-square, at the close of the first night of the new revue "The Rainbow," when an actor was forcibly removed from the stage by a stage hand.

The incident occurred while the audience was clamouring for Mr. Albert de Courville, the producer.

The drop curtain was down in front of the company assembled on the stage when Mr. Jack Edge, one of the actors, wearing evening dress, appeared before it.

"I was engaged as a low comedian for this show," he said to the audience, "I have not been given a chance." He said a few more words, and then was dragged back through the curtain.

A few seconds later the curtain rose, revealing Mr. Edge being hurried off the stage by a man in working dress—in strange contrast to the crowd of brightly-dressed players and chorus girls.

Some of the audience thought the affair was a joke, but when Mr. de Courville appeared and apologised for the "contretemps" which had occurred, they realised what had happened.

Mr. Edge's forcible departure was greeted with cries of "Good old 'Jack!'" and cries of "Take back the niggers!" also increased the disturbance.

Mr. Edge had a small part in the play, appearing as a doctor in the "Doctors" in '1923' scene and as a dancer in the finale, "Scarlet and Gold."

Sir Alfred Butt, managing director of the Empire Theatre, said to a *Daily Mail* reporter after the disturbance, "The relationship of manager and artist has nothing to do with the public. If Mr. Edge had a grievance it was his duty to come to me or Mr. de Courville. I have cut out two or three scenes in which Mr. Edge and others were to appear, because I did not think they were in good taste. Mr. Edge has never addressed any complaint or objection to me."

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## ARRIVALS.

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—C34.

Cheong Shing, (J.M. & Co.) from Canton.—C33.

Phranang, (Cheong Yu) from Swatow.—C38.

Peking Maru, (O.S.K.) from Wakamatsu.—B49.

Hayo Maru, (T.K.K.) from Dairen.—A27.

Mohon, (Tung Tuck) from Hoi-ho.—C41.

Kung Chow, (B. & S.) from Singapore.—B7.

Newchwang, (B. & S.) from Canton.—C40.

Kueilin, (B. & S.) from Canton.—Off Stonecutters.

Glengarry, (J. M. & Co.) from London, Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.

Hainan, (Po Shun) from Haiphong, Hoi-ho.—C43.

Henrik, (Lee Bing Kee) from Bangkok.—38.

—C40.

Curavellas, (Lapique & Co.) for Hongay.—May 18.

Mursa, (St. Barry) for Manila.

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Childar, (Thoresen & Co.) for Bangkok.—May 18.

Lee Sung, (J.M. & Co.) for Haiphong, Hoi-ho.—May 18.

Eurylochus, (B. & S.) for New York, Manila.—May 18.

Sun Li, (Po On) for Fort Bayard.

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Yuen Sang, (J.M. & Co.) for Manila.—May 18.

Hai Hong, (Douglas & Co.) for Fochow, Swatow.—May 18.

Bengal Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Yokohama, Momi.—May 18.

Nairung, (Kuen Sang) for Rangoon, Singapore.—May 18.

—C40.

DEPARTURES.

May 24.—O. S. K. Sosha Maru.

May 19.—C. N. Kiangchow.

19.—I.C.S.N. Kweichow.

21.—D. L. Haifong.

22.—I.C.S.N. Hoping.

22.—C. N. Kwangchow.

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Mrs. George Paddleford

Mrs. George Paddleford, formerly the dashing Mrs. Ben Teal, who has achieved international notoriety, has been charged with defrauding stores of more than \$15,000 worth of merchandise, which she is said to have secured and sold. Her husband is suing her for divorce.



Several United States Senators accompanied the Secretary of the Navy to witness the fleet war games off the Panama Canal. Senator Jones donned an enlisted man's uniform and lived the sailor's life.



Clarence Saunders

Clarence Saunders, formerly an iron puddler and later an \$18-a-week grocery clerk, expects to make \$7,500,000 from his corner in Piggy Wiggly stock, a corporation of chain grocery stores he organized and controlled. Wall street, in a frenzy of selling, wait for short on stock, which the brokers cannot deliver, and Saunders is demanding \$250 a share for the stock.



Latest picture of Mrs. Frances Love Beckwith, daughter of a prominent family, who died of acute peritonitis, following a drinking party, in which she is reported to have received injuries similar to those which caused the death of Virginia Rapp, for which "Fatty" Arbuckle was acquitted in San Francisco.



Philip Snowden

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Mr. Philip Snowden, leader of the "intellectual" group in the British Labour Party, has introduced a bill for the nationalization of industry.

Recently elected to Congress from the Thirty-eighth New York District.



Terrible stories of vice have been told at the trial of Benjamin Purnell, head of the "House of David" who is being sued by John W. Hansell, who is seeking \$80,000 damages for property he says he turned over to Purnell. Esther Hansell his daughter, who is said to have been a member of Purnell's "harem," is shown in the immediate foreground, with her head resting in her hand. Those seated at the table in foreground are Purnell's attorneys. Purnell has not appeared in court.



Albert B. Donat

T. Lambert ('Tub') Wyatt

Wishing to learn all they could about the Navy while attending the war games off Panama, Congressmen Rossdale and Peterson donned sailors' uniforms and lived as seamen. The first night they got shore leave they violated naval regulations by entering a Balboa (Panama) cabaret after hours and were promptly arrested by beach police. It required the use of the wireless to secure their release.

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